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Trial ordered in beating death

A dispute regarding missing cough syrup may have led to the beating death of a Westland woman whose battered body was later found wrapped in bedclothes dumped on a Dearborn Height street, according to testimony in 18th District Court last Thursday.

Witnesses told Judge Mark McConnell that Terrence Johnson, 44, and Randy Batts, 31, beat Diedre Akins, 46, in the basement of a home on Grand Traverse in Norwayne on Jan. 17. Witnesses said that the victim shared the home with Johnson who allegedly participated in the physical assault on Batts which caused her death.

A man who said he had been renting a room in the home from the victim told the judge that Batts accused Akins of stealing some cough syrup and narcotics from him.

> *"The two face a preliminary court examination on the murder and torture charges today...*

He told the court that Akins denied taking the drugs or cough syrup but gave Batts $10. The witness said that Batts was not satisfied and the dispute escalated. Batts then asked Johnson, the victim's live-in boyfriend, to get her to return the drugs. The witness said that Johnson stated that the situation had nothing to do with him.

The witness said he tried to warn Akins not to go into the basement where Batts and Johnson were drinking during much of the time. He said that he saw Batts strike Akins in the face with his fist and wrestle her to the floor. He said he couldn't physically intervene to any degree due to his own mobility problems. He also told the court that he told Akins to call 911 but the phone was not charging.

He also testified that the final time he saw Akins go into the basement of the home he heard a loud argument and a man yelling. Then, he said, it got quiet before he heard Batts tell Johnson to get the victim before she got hurt. He told the court that he heard Akins say something indecipherable, then quiet. He said that he did not ever see the victim, whom he had known for about 10 years, again. He said that when he asked

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Extra fun

Chuck E. Cheese aids area United Way efforts

Chuck E. Cheese patrons were having even more fun than usual last Friday as they helped the less fortunate while enjoying the food and games.

Plymouth Community United Way staff members accepted donations of canned food from guests during the evening as part of a month-long drive to collect nonperishables at the Canton Township business.

The partnership came about earlier this year when Assistant Manager Josh Faith approached the local United Way with a desire to help the community. All the nonperishables went to pantries serving Plymouth, Canton and Western Wayne County residents.

"The need continues in our communities so we wanted to be here to show our appreciation and support of Chuck E. Cheese for holding the food drive," said Randi Williams, Plymouth Canton United Way special events coordinator.

"The whole box is overflowing," added Faith. "I never expected it would go so well."

It was definitely a party atmosphere. Children played, hopping from square to square on the interactive games while United Way staff gratefully accepted donations.

Cleo SSemakula and her son, Kizito, 11, were enjoying the pizza and games. The Canton family brought a bag of canned foods to donate. Kizito and his father, Emmanuel, regularly volunteer to make and deliver sandwiches for the hungry in inner city Detroit as part of the P.B. & J. Program at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth.

"He wanted to come," said Cleo SSemakula. "I told my son we are helping feed people who are hungry, the homeless, and he wanted to play games."

Isabella Murphy-Morrow was enjoying pizza and games with her friend Morgan Horning. The 13-year old Plymouth girls brought cans of corn and tomato soup to help the less fortunate. Murphy-Morrow has volunteered in the past for United Way

Plymouth Community United Way staff and their families had fun while supporting a drive to collect food for less fortunate residents of Plymouth, Canton and Western Wayne County.

Morgan Horning (left) and Isabella Murphy-Morrow brought canned food for a drive at Chuck E. Cheese in Canton Friday night. Pictured with the two 13-year old Plymouth girls is Randi Williams, who coordinated the month-long collection for Plymouth Community United Way.

raking events to help senior citizens and people with disabilities. Her grandmother, Marie Morrow, is president of Plymouth Community United Way.

"My grandma called and told me about the fundraiser," said Murphy-Morrow. "It seemed like a lot of fun and helps United Way."

The Plymouth Community United Way Food Drive was the first of its kind for Chuck E. Cheese although the family entertainment center collected Toys for Tots at Christmas. The partnership continues with a drive for new children's books in March. United Way representatives plan to distribute the donated items in time for summer.

"March is Reading Month," said Williams. "We want to help prevent the summer slide that children experience in reading during school break. We're looking forward to partnering with Chuck E. Cheese to help the community."

"Lots of kids stop reading over the summer and we thought this could help," added Faith who can attest to the slack in reading. His two nephews and a niece usually spend the summer playing outside or video games inside.

The Food Drive continues through Saturday. The Children's Book Drive will continue from March 1-31. Customers receive 20 tickets for each nonperishable food item or new book brought into Chuck E. Cheese. Tickets can be used toward the purchase of prizes.

Food and books can also be dropped off at the United Way office, 960 W. Ann Arbor Tr., Suite 2 in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 453-6879, ext. 7 or send email to randi.williams@pcuw.org.

Beck, Cherry Hill road projects are OK'd

Three major road projects have been scheduled in the Plymouth and Canton communities by Wayne County.

According to County Commissioner Shannon Price, who represents the 10th district, Beck Road from Warren Road in Canton to just south of Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth township, will be reconstructed by the county road commission. The project could begin next month, according to a prepared release from Price, depending on weather conditions.

Beck Road will be expanded from two lanes to three between Warren Road and Ann Arbor Road and will include work on the storm sewer, culvert, sidewalk ramp, guardrails, signs and some new sidewalks.

> *The Beck Road project has been long overdue.*

"The Beck Road project has been long overdue," Price, R-Plymouth Township, said in a prepared statement. "This project will address the poor condition of Beck Road, traffic congestion around the high school campus and flooding issues that have long been a problem at the Ann Arbor Road intersection."

Another project includes the resurfacing and widening of Cherry Hill Road from two lands to three between Beck and Canton Center roads in Canton. Improvements to the Cherry Hill-Beck Road intersection are also planned and will accommodate increased traffic from new schools in the area, according to Price.

"With the addition of two schools and an increase in new homes in the area, Cherry Hill Road is also in serious need of improvements," Price said.

This project, Price said, will begin in mid-April and also include drainage, signing and traffic signal improvements.

Price is the chairman of the Wayne County

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Plymouth

Citizens group questions costs of pavilion

Don Howard
Staff Writer

A watchdog citizens group in Plymouth Township claims construction costs for a new pavilion and warming station under construction in the township park have markedly increased, as many residents and officials predicted when the project was originally proposed.

Plymouth Concerned Citizens Newsletter, an on-line publication, recently reported cost figures for the new pavilion being built by Acme Enterprises, Inc. of Roseville and located near the ball diamonds in McClumpha Park have grown by 750 percent since the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees approved the project.

Their report detailing architectural fees, furnishings and utility lines, shows estimated costs to date for the basic pavilion, restrooms and a drinking fountain, which was initially $85,000, has now ballooned to more than $700,000.

After Plymouth Township Clerk Nancy Conzelman and architect-designer firm D.S. Wright and Associates of Plymouth requested bids for construction in July 2014, the structure grew from a basic picnic pavilion to a sprawling facility.

The pavilion, with the approved revisions, will be a 4,500 square foot, one-story structure with a walk-out basement near the baseball fields, at the top of the sledding hill in the park. It will include restrooms, a warming center and a kitchen area with a sink and refrigerator and $25,000 snow making cannons.

> "Recreation amenities enhance our community's livability."

Construction of the pavilion at the park began last fall after approval of the bid to Acme, the second-lowest bidder, by a 5-2 vote. The two dissenting trustees, Bob Doroshewitz and Chuck Curmi, and several members of the audience, questioned the procedures and accounting utilized in the bidding process. Doroshewitz later questioned a reference in building plans to a water connection for a snow-making machine.

"Recreation amenities enhance our community's livability," said Township Supervisor Richard Reaume, in his fall 2014 letter to the community. The 12-page publication highlighted a new $350,000 amphitheater and the all-season pavilion warming station that Doroshewitz predicted could cost nearly $700,000 when complete.

In the months since, hundreds of residents calling for greater accountability and public input into the use the plans for the amphitheater and pavilion have jammed Township Hall board meetings citing public safety as a priority and suggesting trustees concentrate funding in the understaffed fire department which currently does not have a ladder truck and where the 20-year-old fire engines and equipment suffer constant breakdowns.

At one board meeting, township resident and activist Chris Hunter criticized the board and what Curmi described as "value engineering" which occurred between members of the board and Acme representatives after the bids were submitted. Hunter told the board members that he was in favor of "value engineering" but that it should take place "before the bids were finalized, not after."?

Plymouth Township Treasurer Ron Edwards, who's acting as the project manager, said "We're moving ahead. We're getting the place fixed up."

$2 million upgrades to library continue

Visitors hardly know they are there.

The quiet atmosphere at the Plymouth District Library has barely been disrupted by the major construction currently under way at the facility,

The repair or replacement of the roof, HVAC (heating, ventilation, air conditioning) system, the security systems, and front entrance including sidewalk, steps and porch will continue through the summer, library officials said, without much of a ripple patrons might notice.

To date, they said, the majority of the work has taken place during the hours that the building is closed to the public - late evening to early morning. Library users may notice work on the main level as ceiling tiles are removed as needed for system repairs. Exterior work is slated to begin in April, they said.

McCarthy & Smith Construction of Farmington Hills will manage the project.

"After many hours of preparation, one thing became very clear," commented President Bill McCarthy. "The library is a very busy place. Our experience in working on large public buildings helped us create an efficient construction schedule that will best serve the people of Plymouth."

Library users will find the greatest changes from mid- April through July. At this time, the front sidewalk, steps, porch and handicap ramp will be replaced along with the snowmelt system, officials said. After much discussion and input from staff, construction and city officials, it was determined that individuals will be able to access the building at two clearly marked alternate entrances. Barrier free access will be available through the staff entry door, behind the fire station and city hall. All others coming to the library will enter through a temporary entrance on the opposite side of the building, facing the Penn Theatre.

> "Plymouth citizens utilize the library for a wide variety of services each and every day."

The library drive-thru book drop will remain open and unchanged during the construction. There will be some impact on parking, as construction materials will be stored in the lot behind the building. All other library services will all remain available to the community.

"Plymouth citizens utilize the library for a wide variety of services each and every day," explained Library Board President Kimberly Hickey.

"It was a high priority of the trustees to keep the library open, accessible and safe for all."

All repairs will be paid from the building reserve account at the library. Construction costs are estimated at $2 million. Half of the construction bids have been awarded to date. The remaining bids will be awarded in mid-March. The library anticipates ongoing cost savings through the new energy efficient HVAC system and exterior lighting upgrades, officials said.

Roads

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Committee on Public Services, the body that oversees road projects.

Wayne County commissioners also approved a final contract to install a traffic light at the intersection of Beck and Saltz roads in Canton, according to Price. County officials approved the traffic signal nearly a year ago but delays in the bid process have stalled the project.

"It has been more than frustrating to have to wait for MDOT (the Michigan Department of Transportation) to send us back the final contract to begin this long-awaited project," Price said. "This is a very dangerous intersection, and it is imperative that we install this light as soon as possible."

Price is the chairman of the Wayne County Committee on Public Services, the body that oversees road projects.

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The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon a two week notice to the Charter Township of Canton. These services include signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

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Canton, MI 48188
(734) 394-5260

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NOTICE TO PUBLIC
BOARD OF REVIEW APPOINTMENTS

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, Terry G. Bennett, Clerk of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan to all residents of the Charter Township of Canton: that all persons protesting their assessment must complete petitions prior to appearing before the Board. A personal appearance is not required. All petitions must be received in the Assessor's office by March 12, 2015 at 12:00 p.m.

The Board of Review will be held in the Canton Township Hall on the first floor, at 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Entry into the building can be accessed through the front doors of Township Hall. Please come prepared, as an eight (8) minute limit before the Board will be strictly adhered to.

The following is the schedule for March Board of Review.

Tuesday, March 3, 2015	Organizational Meeting - 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. (No Appointments)
Monday, March 9, 2015	Hearings from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. (Appointments Only)
Tuesday, March 10, 2015	Hearings from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (Appointments Only)
Wednesday, March 11, 2015	Hearings from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (Appointments Only)
Thursday, March 12, 2015	Hearings from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (Appointments Only)

Please be advised that on Tuesday March 10 after 4:30 p.m. and Wednesday, March 11 after 4:30 p.m. entry to the building can only be accessed through the front entrance of the Township Hall.

If you have any questions regarding the March Board of Review, you may call Jamie Rohraff, Secretary to the Board of Review (734) 394-5111.

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BELLEVILLE - CANTON

Canton fire department issues cold cautions

Canton Township fire department officials are reminding residents to be cautious during the extreme cold temperatures.

They advised residents to stay indoors if possible and if it is necessary to go outside, wear weather protective gear and understand the colder the temperature, the quicker heat is carried away from a person's body.

Canton is providing a warming station during normal business hours at the Summit on the Park; from 5:30 a.m. until 10 p.m. Monday through Friday; from 6 a.m. until 8 p.m. on Saturday and from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. on Sunday.

Individuals in need of this service should check in at the front desk of the Summit, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

Fire specialists also cautioned the public regarding the use of indoor heating sources which should be used in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations. Poorly operating or damaged heating units can release odorless carbon monoxide gas which can be deadly. The use of carbon monoxide (CO) detectors is highly recommended.

"During times of extreme cold, the fire department experiences an increase in both accidental fires and medical emergencies," said Fire Chief Josh Meier.

In addition to your personal safety, it is also important to check on elderly or at-risk family, friends, and neighbors who may need additional assistance. Pets should be watched closely and kept indoors, as animals can suffer from hypothermia, frostbite and other cold weather injuries the same as humans, he added.

Canton Fire Prevention Unit personnel are available to answer questions on alternate heating sources and CO detectors. Questions can be referred to (734) 394-5456.

Second City troupe to appear at Cherry Hill

It will be an evening of smart, cutting-edge comedy when The Second City Touring Company performs at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 14.

A Chicago landmark and National Treasure, The Second City has become the premier training ground for the comedy world's best and brightest talent. Not only will an evening with The Second City provide audiences with the chance to see comedy stars in the making, but they will also have the opportunity to see hilarious satire and cutting-edge improvisation. No topic or subject matter is off limits for this talented touring troupe. Whether it's ripped from this morning's headlines or a classic gem from their archives, The Second City touring troupe is always a laugh-out-load hit, noted Canton Arts Coordinator Jennifer Tobin.

"We're glad that The Village Theater is able to bring back The Second City for two years in a row," said Tobin. "Comedy just doesn't get any more world-class than this."

With scripted and improvisational elements, audiences always enjoy being part of the show and playing along with the next generation of comic legends, she explained. Many of comedy's brightest stars have hit the road with The Second City Touring Company. Alumni include, Tina Fey, Stephen Colbert, Amy Poehler, Steve Carell, Bill Murray, Keegan Michael Key and most recently, current Saturday Night Live stars Cecily Strong, Tim Robinson, and Jason Sudeikis.

Tickets are just $25 per person and available at www.CantonVillageTheater.org. Click on Box Office or call (734) 394-5300. Last year, the performance sold out well in advance.

Outdoor farmers markets to move into Summit

The Canton Farmers Market will return with special Winter Markets on Sundays in March and April at the Summit on the Park community recreation center. The markets will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 15 and April 19 in the Banquet Lobby in the Summit on the Park, located on 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

"We are excited to continue offering a marketplace for local goods during the winter season," Canton Farmers Market Manager Tina Lloyd said. "With our winter location inside the Summit on the Park, you can stay cozy while you shop."

The Winter Market is entering its second year in the Summit Banquet Lobby after taking place in the indoor/outdoor setting of the Cady-Boyer Barn in previous years.

Suspect

The Canton Police Department is asking for assistance from the public with identifying the suspect in the surveillance photo above. The unidentified black male is suspected of using a cloned credit card and making transactions at retail outlets in Canton. The suspect was driving the vehicle also shown from surveillance video. Police have asked anyone who recognizes the man or who may have information to call the Canton Police Department at (734) 394-5400.

Museum offers special program

The Yankee Air Museum in Belleville is offering a series of free Fly-Zone Family Days beginning this week and continuing through May.

Students ages 10-18 and their parents can enjoy the new Fly Zone attraction an aerial challenge course for unmanned aircraft systems.

Online pre-registration at www.YankeeAirMuseum.org is required and limited to the first 100 students.

Each registrant will receive two free tickets to the 2015 Thunder Over Michigan Air Show set for Aug. 29-30.

Fly Zone Days are scheduled for Feb. 28, March 7, April 4 and May 2. Attendees should bring a lunch for the day long event which will continue from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. The free family days will take place at the Yankee Air Museum, 47884 D St., Belleville. More information and registration is available at the website listed.

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Trial

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Johnson about her, he said she had probably gone to the hospital.

Akins' beaten body was found without identification on a curb along a street in Dearborn Heights on Jan. 19. The Wayne County Medical Examiner ruled her death a homicide caused by massive blows to the head. She also had broken ribs, according to the autopsy report.

Prosecutors have also charged Michael Bashlor, 34, and Joshua Hurston-Herron, 23, both of Westland as accessories after the fact in Akins' death. Both have been arraigned in Wayne County Circuit Court and remain in the Wayne County Jail in lieu of a $250,000 cash bond. Bashlor went to the Westland Police Station the day after Akins' body was found to confess to his part in disposing of her body, according to court testimony. Based on that information, officers from Westland interviewed Johnson about the death of his girlfriend. He reportedly blamed Batts, according to police, while he admitted tying her with rope and taping her mouth after she was bleeding and severely injured. The pair kept Akins' body wrapped in a blanket in a closet for about 12 hours before calling Bashlor and Hurston-Herron to help them move her to the location where she was found in Dearborn Heights, according to testimony.

McConnell ordered both Batts and Johnson bound over for trial in the death. The two face a preliminary court examination on the murder and torture charges today in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Library staff to request security guard

Staff members at the Westland Public Library have been dealing with a great deal more than overdue books and talkative readers.

During the last month, staff members have been faced with a drug overdose in a restroom, a naked drunk who took off his clothes in the lavatory, a violent physical attack on the caregiver of a group home patient and a woman who proudly displayed her private parts to the audience during open mic night.

In response, the members of the Westland Library Board have been asked to hire a security guard at the William P. Faust Public Library by members of the staff who discussed their request with Library Director Sheila Collins.

> *The hiring of a security guard for the library is expected to be discussed by the members of the library board during the March 4 meeting.*

Staff members were also interrupted from their regular duties last month to help a young man who was accosted while walking down the library driveway and the arrest Feb. 4 of a Westland man who was watching child pornography on one of the library computers.

Westland Mayor William Wild said he was supportive of a security guard at the library, particularly in light of the number of people who frequent the facility. He noted that the city uses the library building as a warming center in the extreme cold and that the staff there most likely needs help dealing with security issues. City hall has had a security guard/greeter following an incident two years ago when a man seeking to speak to the mayor held an administrative assistant hostage.

Police Chief Jeff Jedruski said that the library was a high priority for his department and that officers make regular patrol checks and walk through to ensure the safety and security of both library visitors and the staff.

The hiring of a security guard for the library is expected to be discussed by the members of the library board during the March 4 meeting.

Opening of new justice center celebrated

Inkster officials have invited the public to the official grand opening ceremony of the new Inkster Justice Center.

The official opening of the new facility, which now houses the Inkster Police Department and the 22nd District Court is planned for 10 a.m. until noon March 3 and is open to the public.

City Manager Richard Marsh, Jr. is understandably proud of the new building.

"The citizens of Inkster deserve to be proud of their city buildings. The employees who serve the citizens deserve to work in a facility that complements their professionalism and makes them proud to be a part of our team. This project has been a long time coming, and I am truly excited that the citizens of our city have a court and a police department that they can be proud of!"

The facility was funded by use of Tax Increment Finance Authority revenue and board members are expected to be on hand at the open house, along with Mayor Hilliard Hampton, 22nd District Court Judge Sabrina Johnson, March, Chief of Police Vicki Yost and members of the Inkster City Council.

During the open house, there will be tours of the facility and an opportunity to speak with city officials and members of the city council.

The new center is located at 26279 Michigan Ave. in Inkster.

Romulus library announces monthly programs

Romulus Public Library will present a series of programs on Mondays next month.

Author John Kozak will discuss and sign copies of his book Through the Eyes of Rose: A Mother's Flight to Freedom in a Memory Mosaic at 6:30 p.m. March 2. The book is the true account of Kozak's mother's harrowing escape from Communist occupied Czechoslovakia with her two children.

Representatives of Astute Artistry will present and demonstrate Special Effects Make-up for those 18 years of age and older at 6:30 p.m. March 16. Space is limited for this program, organizers said.

Hot Reads for Cold Nights Adult Winter Reading Program Wrap Up party is planned for 6:30 p.m. March 23. The event is for those who participated in the reading program and will include treats and a raffle and book discussion.

At 6:30 p.m. March 20, speakers from the Detroit Institute of Arts will present, Through Her Eyes, viewing the work of women artist in the DIA collection.

Organizers said that all programs subject to change.

Registration for the free programs is available at the library or by phone at (734) 942-7589. Space is limited.

The Romulus Public Library is located at 11121 Wayne Road in Romulus.

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1. Obituaries

David Vernon Hortemiller

David Vernon Hortemiller, 89, of Mecosta passed away peacefully on Feb. 14, 2015. He was born on April 4, 1925 in Bathville, Indiana, the son of the late Bernard and Madeline (Durkin) Hortemiller.

Dave grew up in Wayne, Michigan. He earned Bachelors and Masters Degrees from Eastern Michigan University. Dave was an engineer with Lockheed-Martin / Naval Weapons Station in Charleston, South Carolina. In retirement, he and his wife lived at Round Lake. Dave was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Remus where he also was a member of the Knights of Columbus. Dave enjoyed fishing and golfing with his friends.

He is survived by two daughters, Stephanie (Royce) and Sherrie (Dan) Percy; four grandchildren, Joan (Daniel) Ilagan, Mandy (Will) Davis, Stacy (Chad) Upson, and Sam (Jean) Percy; and nine great grandchildren. Also surviving are many nieces and nephews who cared for and spent time with their "Uncle Dave."

Dave was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Joyce Ann; son, David Jr.; one brother, Bernard "Bud" Hortemiller; and one sister, Gertrude "Sally" Bryant.

Arrangements by the Mohnke Funeral Home of Big Rapids. Share a memory or express condolences at www.mohnkefuneralhome.com

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Virginia L. Peters Harmon

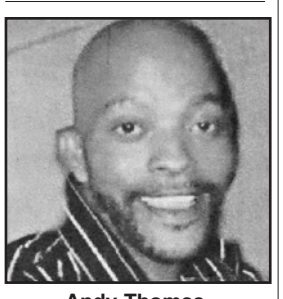
Virginia L. Peters Harmon, 95, of Waters Edge in Bradenton, FL passed away on Feb. 22, at Tidewell Hospice House, Bradenton, FL. She was born on March 26, 1919 in Leeton, MO and was preceded in death by her parents, Edward and Bessie Peters; her husband, J. E. Harmon; three brothers, Eugene Peters, Harold Peters, and William Peters; two sisters, Eunice Barker and Edith Officer, and one son, James Edward Harmon. Mrs. Harmon was of the Christian faith.

She is survived by her two daughters, Beverly (Joe) Flavin of Kansas City, MO, Linda (Bob) Thomas of Hanson, KY; her daughter-in-law, Rose Harmon of Ft. Wayne, IN; five granddaughters, Patty Flavin (Kent) Baker of Olathe, KS, Stephanie Thomas(Chris) Taylor of Madisonville, KY, Melissa Harmon (Brian) Beck of Noblesville, IN, Becky Harmon (Chad) Batchelor of McCordsville, IN, and Megan Harmon (Jeremy) Johns of Indianapolis IN; three grandsons, Mike (Cathy) Flavin of Kansas City, MO, Tim (Paula) Flavin of North Kansas City, MO, and Bryan Thomas of Lexington, KY; seven great-granddaughters, Olivia and Maggie Beck of Noblesville, IN, Sophia Batchelor of McCordsville, IN, Amanda Flavin of Kansas City, MO, Stephanie Flavin of Olathe, KS, Natalie Flavin and Casy Lawson (Jake) of Kansas City, MO; great-grandsons, Drew Bennett of Madisonville, KY, and Mathew Griffin of Kansas City, MO. She is also survived by one sister, Elaine Trump of Lansing, MI, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Harmon retired from the City of Wayne, Michigan after more than 25 years, then moved to Ellenton, FL from Wayne, MI.

She was an avid sports fan, crossword puzzle enthusiast, Facebook follower, and enjoyed playing cards with her friends.

No funeral services are planned. Interment will be at Cadillac Memorial Gardens in Westland, MI. Memorial contributions may be made online to the American Cancer Society at www.cancer.org/donate or Tidewell Hospice of Bradenton, FL at www.givetotidewell.org, or to the charity of choice in honor of Virginia L. Harmon.



Andy Thomas Anderson, Jr.

Sunrise: March 19, 1963
Sunset: Feb. 7, 2015

Andy "Junior" Thomas Anderson Jr. died Feb. 7, 2015.

Among those survivors left to cherish his memory is his son, Andy Anderson, III; a daughter, Kimberly Starr Anderson; two stepsons, Eric Taylor and James (Jimmy) Taylor; a stepdaughter, Melanie Juco; three grandchildren, Sabrina Anderson, Michael Anderson and Nevaeh; three brothers, Jimmie Lewis Abson, David Anderson of Tampa, FL and Jemeiquka Anderson; five sisters, Janice Denton of Lynn, MA, Bobby Jo Moore of Alexandria, LA, Valarie Mikke Brown, Ollie Ruth Howard of Bronx, NY and Kim Joyner; four brothers-in-law, Charles Moore of Alexandra, LA, Joseph C. Brown, Jr., Allan Howard of Bronx, NY and Anthony Harshaw; a sister-in-law, Tamika Anderson of Tampa, FL; a host of nieces, great-nieces, nephews, great-nephews and other relatives, and many friends.

Funeral services took place at Gateway Baptist Church in Westland with the Rev. Arthur J. Brown, Sr. officiating.

Final arrangements were entrusted to the Penn Funeral Home on Inkster Road in Inkster.

Interment was at Sunset Hills in Ypsilanti.

Erik Gamaliel Patterson

Sunrise: July 33, 1997
Sunset: Feb. 9, 2015

Erik Gamaliel Patterson died Feb. 9, 2015.

Among those survivors left to cherish his memory are his parents, Tina E. Patterson and Cedric B. Patterson, Sr.; his brothers, Walter (Leslie) Thompson, Cedric B. Patterson, Jr.; sisters, Ashanta C. Patterson, Carla Woods and Aysha Woods; his grandmother, Sidney Smith; uncles, Keith Patterson, Mark Smith, Robert (Jennifer) Smith; Keith (Lana) Woods, Mark (Denise) Woods and Stephen (Tracy) Woods; his aunts, Denise Gee, Sandra, Anita, Nellis Tillman, Kim, Janice Patterson and MenYon; five nieces; three nephews; a host of other relatives, and many friends.

Mr. Patterson was preceded in death by his grandparents, John Lee Patterson, Warren Sr. and Marion Woods, Warren, Jr., William Woods, Byron Woods and an aunt, Kristie M. Patterson.

Funeral services took place at the Penn Funeral Home on Inkster Road in Inkster with Pastor Carolyn Williams officiating.

Interment was at Sunset Hills in Ypsilanti.

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Henry Boyd Patterson, III

Sunrise: Aug. 24, 2952
Sunset: Feb. 6, 2015

Henry Boyd Patterson, III died Feb. 6, 2015.

Among those left to cherish his memory are his loving mother, Barbara Patterson; brothers, Darrell Patterson and Karl Patterson; a sister, Boydea Patterson; sisters-in-law, Susan and Rhonda; an uncle, Orlando (Audrey) Patterson; aunts, Elizabeth Payton, June Patterson and Betty Patterson; two nieces; two nephews; six great-nieces and nephews; may dear cousins; many other family members, and a host of friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Henry Boyd Patterson, Jr; a brother, Norman Keith Patterson and his stepmother, Florence Patterson.

Funeral services took place at the Penn Funeral Home on Inkster Road in Inkster with the Rev. Dr. Arthur Willis officiating.

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Wayne council closes community pool

Despite the pleas of some avid users and supporters, the pool at the Wayne Community Center is now closed.

Members of the Wayne City Council voted 4-3 to immediately close the pool at the meeting last week. The closing is one of several cuts the council members have been attempting to make to balance the implement $600,000 budget deficit the city is facing for the current fiscal year. An even more serious deficit is predicted by financial analysts for next year in the city.

Closing the community center pool is estimated to save the city about $70,000 in operating expense annually. The ice arena, which was operating at a $200,000 annual deficit was previously shut down by the council.

Supporters of the pool spoke at the meeting and suggested a better marketing effort might turn the losses at the facility around. In 2013, according to Councilwoman Susan Rowe, only 1,212 memberships were effective at the center and only 732 of those were from Wayne. The remaining 527 were Westland residents.

"We have not solved the problem," Rowe said. "All of us are paying for it. Those numbers don't validate continually putting money into keeping the pool open," said Rowe. "I'm sorry. I was elected to be fiscally responsible and do the best I can with the information in front of me."

Councilman Skip Monit suggested the city wait before making the decision noting that there were differences in the operational numbers provided by financial consultant Tim McCurley of Plante Moran and interim Parks and Recreation Director Juan Bradford.

"If we have waited 12 years, maybe we can wait for more input," Monit said.

The closing of the pool was opposed by council members Al Damitio, David James and Monit who cast the dissenting votes.

There was no discussion of the rebate of membership fees to those who have joined the Community Center for one-year terms. Wayne and the City of Westland had been in discussions regarding a joint Parks and Recreation Department and the first steps had included allowing Westland residents to join the Wayne facility.

Art House sets exhibit

The Northville Art House will present "the mystery lesson" - paintings by Kate Paul during March. The solo artist show will open with an artist reception from 6-9 p.m. March 6 and continue through Saturday, March 28.

The opening reception is sponsored by Bandoni Creative and the show was curated by Took Gallagher.

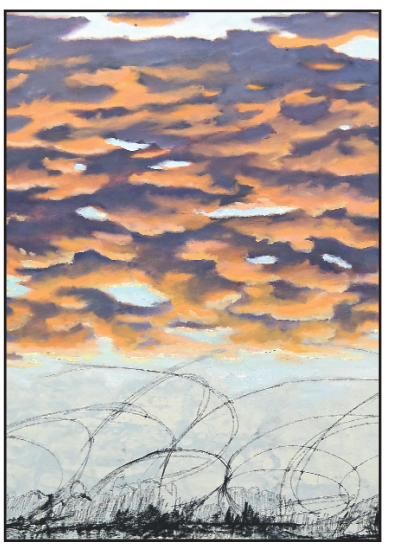
"To live in the mad world of man-made incantations and hocus pocus gives me not any special knowledge to understand the mystery of life. The knowledge is knowing that I don't know and cannot know the magic that surrounds me. The lessons learned are of experimenting with color, paint, and images that define me. The mystery lesson is the comedy of errors and insights that lead me to play on," Paul said about her paintings.

Paul was born in upstate New York and raised in northern England. Her career has involved photography, graphics, and work as a scenic painter which led her to Los Angeles, where she met her life companion at a scenery shop working in films, theater and television. Together they relocated to Seattle, WA, where Paul started her own commission painting business in 1992.

Paul relocated to Michigan in 1995, where she has been working as a decorative artist for the design trade as well concentrating on her own artwork.

Her mural work can be found in many private residences and in public venues, including Gilda's Club in Royal Oak and The Royal Oak Public Library. She also works with projects for Suite Dreams, an organization that creates pleasing environments for children in need.

Paul's artwork is shown in many local galleries and exhibitions. Her biggest accomplishment to date, she said, is being an ovarian cancer survivor since 2010.



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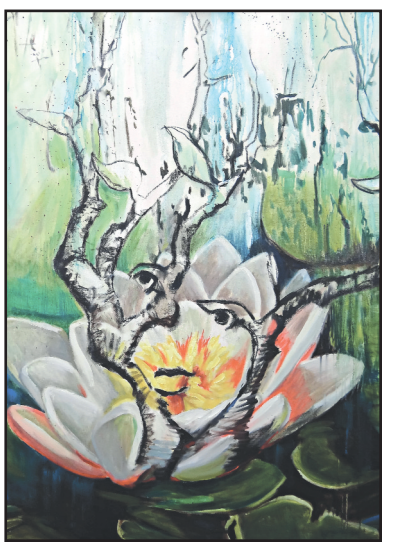

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For additional information, e-mail Exhibits@NorthvilleArtHouse or go to NorthvilleArtHouse.org or call (248) 344-0497.

Northville Art House is located at 215 W. Cady Street in Northville. Admission to the art house is free.

Tipping Point offers one-weekend special engagement

Love, Loss and What I Wore, a play by Nora and Delia Ephron, plays for just one weekend at Tipping Point Theatre.

In this comedy by chick-flick favorites, sisters Nora and Delia Ephron, clothing is used as a vehicle to access some of the most vulnerable moments in a woman's life. Shopping for undergarments is transformed from a mortifying experience to a symbol of womanhood, a birthday outfit becomes a story of acceptance, and a bathrobe comes to embody the relationship between mother and daughter. Through a collection of monologues, the all-female cast of "What I Wore" reminds audiences that what we wear flourishes more than our outfit; it accessorizes life's most pivotal moments of love and loss.

Directed by Lynn Wilde Concannon and starring: Julia Glander, Katie Huber-Welty, Denise Jenkins, Laura Mandernack and Julie Yolles, Love, Loss and What I Wore will be performed one weekend only at 8 p.m. March 13, 14 and 15. There is a 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday, March 15.

The theatre is located at 361 E. Cady St. in Northville. All tickets are $35 and are available now by calling the box office at (248) 347-0003. Box Office hours are 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Tuesday - Friday and 90 minutes prior to performances.

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Calendar of events

Hygiene items needed

Plymouth Community United Way is asking agencies, businesses, groups, and residents of the Plymouth-Canton community to donate new travel size toiletry items including toothbrushes/paste, shampoo/conditioner, soap/body wash, deodorant, hand sanitizer, tissues, shaving cream, feminine products, razors, combs, and hair brushes. Donations will be used to create hygiene kits for individuals and families in crisis.

Collections will be accepted through Feb. 28. All donations can be dropped off at Plymouth Community United Way, 960 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Suite 2 in Plymouth.

For more information, e-mail randi.williams@pcuw.org or call (734) 453-6879 x7.

Genealogy for beginners

Learn the basics of genealogy from experienced members of the Northville Genealogical Society from 10:15 a.m. until 3:15 p.m. this Saturday, Feb. 28, at the Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady St., Northville.

The morning session will include instructions and participants should bring a lunch for the noon break. After lunch, classes will continue with a computer lab and hands-on help from professionals.

The classes are free but preregistration at (248)349-3020 is required.

Tax preparation available

Tax return preparation will be available from 9 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. on Tuesdays through April 14 at the Summit on the Park.

The service is provided in cooperation with the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP).

Complicated and/or joint return appointments must be scheduled for morning appointments. Schedule your appointment by phone at (734) 394-5485.

Griefshare offered in Romulus

GriefShare is a 13-week, nondenominational program that focuses on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one.

Meetings will take place at 6 p.m. Thursdays at the Romulus Wesleyan Church at Goddard and Huron River Drive.

The series will continue through May 21. Participants may attend any or all meetings, although the most benefit is received through attending every meeting.

The DVD seminar/support group features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories by people who have experienced the pain of losing a loved one, followed by group discussion. Many grieving people find they are only beginning the work of healing when friends or family have returned to their daily life routines.

The registration fee is $15 which will include a journal/workbook that coordinates with the DVD lesson for each week.

For more information: www.griefshare.org

For questions and to register call (734) 941-1511.

Early college meeting set

Parents of students throughout Wayne County can attend an information meeting regarding early college classes now available at Romulus High School.

The meeting is set for 6 tonight, Feb. 26, in the Romulus High School Media Center and will discuss classes which allow high school students to earn an Associates Degree and high school diploma at the same time, without college tuition costs.

Applications for the three-year accelerated program are now being accepted and are open to students throughout Wayne County.

The high school is located at 9650 Wayne Road in Romulus.

For more information, contact Liza Mockeridge at (734) 532-1022.

Eagles celebrate Mardi Gras

"Mardi Gras Around the World" will be celebrated at the Van Buren Eagles tomorrow, Feb. 27. Tickets are $20 at the door, if available.

The tickets cover an all-you-can-eat buffet dinner - soup, salad, three entrees and trimmings and dessert. Social hour is from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Paul Keller At Sundown Quintet will be playing the sounds of Mardi Gras.

Adults only; open to the public. There will be a cash bar. An assortment of beads will be available for purchase. Guests are urged to wear their favorite masks.

Tickets are available at the Van Buren Eagles, 9961 Beck Road, Van Buren Township. For information and reservations, call Keith and Ginger Bruder at (734) 461-2498.

Fair aids graduates

A free Vendor Fair is planned from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Feb. 28 at the Salem High School Cafeteria, 46181 Joy Road in Canton Township.

The free fair is a fundraiser for the Plymouth Canton Educational Park Senior Party 2015, which will include 1,500 seniors.

The fair will include all aspects of party planning, with an emphasis on graduation parties, including tents, catering, bakeries, specialty items like candy, tables and signs, entertainment, invitations and other items.

There will be free food samples from some vendors available. For more information, call (734) 834-7412

Film entries sought

Entries are now being accepted for the 5th Annual Reel Michigan Film Festival planned for downtown Northville in June.

The event is part of the Arts and Acts Festival and will feature a diverse collection of Michigan-made short films beginning at 5 p.m. followed by a question and answer session with filmmakers.

Reel Michigan will accept Michigan-made or Michigan-themed short films, less than 20 minutes in length until the deadline April 17. All film genres are eligible, from student films to the experimental, organizers said. The entry form is available at http://northvillearthouse.org/special-events/reel-michigan/

Tax preparation offered

AARP tax preparation will be offered free to Westland residents at the Friendship Center. This is a E-file service only and appointments are necessary.

Generally, the tax return service offered through AARP is for simple returns. Those individuals with lengthy returns, many rental properties or investments are encouraged to have a CPA or professional firm complete their returns. There is no age or income requirement. The site manager has discretion over what returns they are willing and able to complete.

Taxes this year will be done on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Call (734) 722-7628 for an appointment. Preparers are only on site during the day the center offers the service so any tax question regarding a return must be taken by a staff person, and returned by a preparer at their convenience.

Foundation plans gala

The Canton Community Foundation will host the Project Give Gala from 6:30-11:30 p.m. March 7 at the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn.

The evening will include music from both the Michigan Philharmonic Youth Orchestra and Steve King and the Dittilies.

The evening will include a tribute to a philanthropic community member who recently passed away. The award will be presented in his name annually.

Tickets are priced at $175 per person or $1200 for a table of eight.

The Henry Ford Museum is located at 20900 Oakwood Blvd in Dearborn.

For tickets or more information, call (734) 495-1200.

Talking trains

The Wayne Historical Society will present The Trains of Wayne with local train historian Richard Andrews at 7:30 p.m. March 12 at the Wayne Historical Museum. Doors will open at 7 p.m. so that visitors can see the museum and join in the discussion of Wayne trains like the Michigan Central railroad Steam Engine Pacific 4618, The Eastbound, coming through Wayne on a cold afternoon in 1946. There is no charge for this program and it is open to the public.Membership in the Wayne Historical Society is available to $10 per year. The museum is located at 1 Towne Square, Wayne. For information, call (734) 722-0113. Photo courtesy of the Michigan Railroad Club calendar, 1986.

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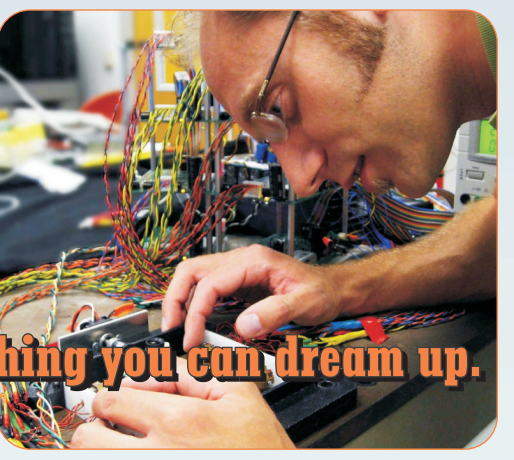

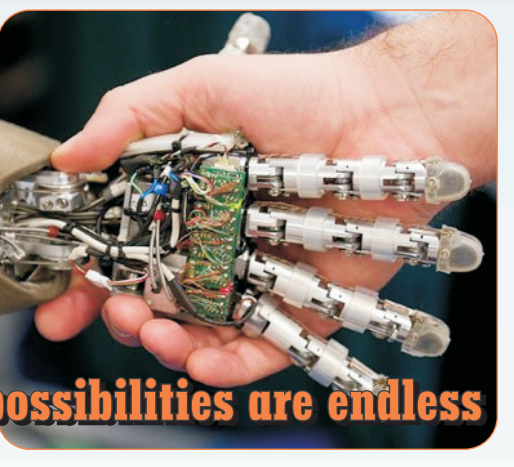

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